JDW, Harold Ober Associates 3/11/75

This is to consult your recollections on a name so that I won't have to go through countless pounds of clippings, which would mean I'd not do it.

If you did not notice it, WxPost 2/28/75 had an obit on Anne Reid Ober, widow of Harold, founder of the literary agency bearing his name, Harold Ober Associates.

About this two things: A friend, when I was working on the xxxx first WG book, referred me to a friend of his one, Peter Shepherd, at this agency. Shepherd first was discouraging, saying that the project was beyond the capacity of any one man. Clearly, false.

The parts to which he took special exception and pretended could not possibly be true were two very rough, unread chapters I sent, in my own trusting way, to give him sample of what was not coming out and what was true and solidly true.

These were CIA chapters and Hughes chapters. Among the content I remember was the xxxxxxxxx Greenspun break-in.

In two years, even after planted and leaks on these subjects, all that was in those roughs has not come out.

Nor has Shepherd thought of dropping a note to suggest my, my how clearly yoi did see so far in advance. Maybe I ought take a second look at what you've done since.

vi Now down in the bottom of the obit is the name of the widow's surving Washington son: Richard.

It seems to me that this is the name of one of the cats who was deep into prohibited CIA domestic activity, one who had to be shifted out, into either NSA or DIA after the scandals broke.

If this is the cse, then the possibilities are quite provocative.

Ober is not that common a name.

Once we know if Richard is the name of the shifted spook, we can then undertake to see if there is more than one Richard.